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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON STATE FACILITY MAINTENANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) There shall be a State Commission on Facility
2 Maintenance to consist of twelve members to be appointed as follows:
3 Two members shall be appointed by the Governor, two by the speaker
4 of the House of Representatives, two by the president pro tempore of
5 the Senate, one by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
6 one by the minority leader of the Senate, two members of the Joint
7 Committee on Legislative Management, one appointed by each of the
8 chairpersons of said committee and one member of the Connecticut
9 Historical Commission appointed by its chairperson. Each appointee
10 shall have expertise concerning building maintenance or facilities
11 management. The Commissioner of Public Works shall be an ex-officio
12 member of the commission and shall attend the commission's
13 meetings. Vacancies on the commission shall be filled by the original
14 appointing authority for the unexpired portion of the term. The
15 members shall serve without compensation for their services but shall
16 be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the

17 performance of their duties. The commission shall meet at least
18 quarterly, and more often on the call of the chairperson or on the
19 written request of a majority of the members. The commission may
20 designate subcommittees to carry out its functions. Any member who
21 fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fails to attend fifty per
22 cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be deemed to
23 have resigned.

24 (b) Not later than January 1, 2004, and biennially thereafter, each
25 state agency or department except the Legislative Department shall
26 submit a maintenance report to the commission. The maintenance
27 report shall indicate: (A) Whether the facility used by the agency or
28 department complies with the State Building Code adopted pursuant
29 to section 29-252 of the general statutes; (B) for a facility that does not
30 comply with the State Building Code, the repairs and maintenance
31 necessary to comply with the code and the cost of the repairs and
32 maintenance; and (C) for a facility that does comply with the State
33 Building Code, the maintenance necessary to ensure continued
34 compliance and the costs of such maintenance. Each state agency or
35 department may consult with such persons as necessary to complete
36 the maintenance report. As used in this section "facility" means
37 buildings and real property owned or leased by the state.

38 (c) The commission shall review each report submitted pursuant to
39 subsection (b) of this section. Not later than September 1, 2004, and
40 biennially thereafter, the commission shall submit its
41 recommendations to: (1) The Governor; (2) the Secretary of the Office
42 of Policy and Management; and (3) the joint standing committees of
43 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
44 appropriations, finance and government administration. The
45 recommendations shall (A) include a list of each facility and for each
46 facility shall indicate (i) whether the facility complies with the State
47 Building Code; (ii) for a facility that does not comply with the State
48 Building Code, the repairs and maintenance necessary to comply with
49 the code and the cost of the repairs and maintenance; and (iii) for a

50 facility that does comply with the State Building Code, the
51 maintenance necessary to ensure continued compliance and the costs
52 of such maintenance; and (B) include the commission's suggestions for
53 state facility repair and maintenance.

54 (d) The commission may accept gifts, donations and grants from the
55 federal government or other public or private sources for the purpose
56 of such facility maintenance.

57 (e) The commission shall be an independent body within the
58 Legislative Department for administrative purposes only.

59 Sec. 2. Section 4-72 of the general statutes is repealed and the
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

61 Part I of the budget document shall consist of the Governor's budget
62 message in which [he] the Governor shall set forth as follows: (1) [His]
63 A program for meeting all the expenditure needs of the government
64 for each fiscal year of the biennium to which the budget relates,
65 indicating the classes of funds, general or special, from which such
66 appropriations are to be made and the means through which such
67 expenditure shall be financed; (2) financial statements giving in
68 summary form: (A) The financial position of all major state operating
69 funds including revolving funds at the end of the last-completed fiscal
70 year in a form consistent with accepted accounting practice. [He] The
71 Governor shall also set forth in similar form the estimated position of
72 each such fund at the end of the year in progress and the estimated
73 position of each such fund at the end of each fiscal year of the
74 biennium to which the budget relates if [his] the Governor's proposals
75 are put into effect; (B) a statement showing as of the close of the last-
76 completed fiscal year, a year by year summary of all outstanding
77 general obligation and special tax obligation debt of the state and a
78 statement showing the yearly interest requirements on such
79 outstanding debt; (C) a summary of appropriations recommended for
80 each fiscal year of the biennium to which the budget relates for each

81 budgeted agency and for the state as a whole in comparison with
82 actual expenditures of the last-completed fiscal year and
83 appropriations and estimated expenditures for the year in progress;
84 (D) for the biennium commencing July 1, 1999, and each biennium
85 thereafter, a summary of estimated expenditures for certain fringe
86 benefits for each fiscal year of the biennium to which the budget
87 relates for each budgeted agency; (E) a summary of permanent full-
88 time positions setting forth the number filled and the number vacant
89 as of the end of the last-completed fiscal year, the total number
90 intended to be funded by appropriations without reduction for
91 turnover for the fiscal year in progress, the total number requested and
92 the total number recommended for each fiscal year of the biennium to
93 which the budget relates; (F) a summary of the revenue estimated to be
94 received by the state during each fiscal year of the biennium to which
95 the budget relates classified according to sources in comparison with
96 the actual revenue received by the state during the last-completed
97 fiscal year and estimated revenue during the year in progress; (G) for
98 the biennium commencing July 1, 2005, and each biennium thereafter,
99 a summary of estimated expenditures for state facility maintenance for
100 the Department of Public Works, the Judicial Department and for any
101 other agency or department having responsibility for facility
102 maintenance based on the reports submitted by the State Commission
103 on Facility Maintenance pursuant to section 1 of this act; and [(G)] (H)
104 such other financial statements, data and comments as in [his] the
105 Governor's opinion are necessary or desirable in order to make known
106 in all practicable detail the financial condition and operations of the
107 government and the effect that the budget as proposed [by him] will
108 have on such condition and operations. If the estimated revenue of the
109 state for the ensuing biennium as set forth in the budget on the basis of
110 existing statutes, plus the estimated unappropriated surplus at the
111 close of the year in progress available for expenditure in the ensuing
112 biennium, is less than the aggregate appropriations recommended for
113 the ensuing biennium as contained in the budget, the Governor shall
114 make recommendations to the General Assembly in respect to the

115 manner in which such deficit shall be met, whether by an increase in
116 the indebtedness of the state, by the imposition of new taxes, by
117 increased rates on existing taxes or otherwise. If the aggregate of such
118 estimated revenue plus such estimated unappropriated surplus is
119 greater than such recommended appropriations for the ensuing
120 biennium, [he] the Governor shall make such recommendations for the
121 use of such surplus for the reduction of indebtedness, for the reduction
122 in taxation or for other purposes as in [his] the Governor's opinion are
123 in the best interest of the public welfare.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a commission to oversee the maintenance and repair of state buildings and property and to require the Governor to include recommendations on the budgetary requirements for such maintenance in the Governor's budget message.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]